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LIFE'S SPICE. Variety is the spice of life. BY a. McK. F.

To my friends, and I hope they are many, and to my enemies, whom I trust are few, greeting this day of "Peace on earth, good will

Good luck to you this Christmas Day, The cheeriest wish that heart can say, And may it bring your days to bless, The best of bealth and happiness."

It was a matter of regret to me that the Monday Club, representing as it does the culture and intelieet of Farmington, did not see its way clear to accept the proposition made last year by Mr. Kimball for the establishment of a publie library here. It is a question only of time, though, when a town which bonsts of its colleges and churches, both of which usually imply a broad intellectual basis, will have a public library. In the meantime, we must do the best we ean. It seems to me the well known Booklovers Library has opened a way for us by the establishment of the Tabard Inn service. One hundred and fifty or two hundred books are placed at a station for the benefit of members, There is this much about it. They Engagement to be changed frequently. A five may be established in Farmington at the rate of \$3.50 for a

charter membership of seventylife memership, good at any point where the service is established. A fee of five cents is charged for each exchange of books, so your membership costs what you please to read. After the charter is closed the fee will be advanced to \$5 It seems to me that this is our solu- is high, with the prospect of an in Mrs. Sallie B. Pritchett and her nified their willingness to join such call for few eggs. This daughout tribution of ten cents each. a service, and it is probable that recipe will be found delicious: this fact, so that the way may be half our sour milk. Flavor with kerchief. made easy by the fact that every vanilla The combination of soda, body will know of the Tabard Inn crosm tartar and sour milk is unand its benefit and be ready with a usual, but the result is gratifying. prompt response. Farmington has a good name among the federated using the traveling libraries that is now a good supply of McClure. are sent out by the Federation. Munsey and Home Journal, and I If we secure the Tarbard Inn we would like very much to have othwill be the first town in this State, ers make a variety in the bundles. outside of St. Louis, to have the service, when it is just being established. Oh, Farmingtonians, live up to your blue china!

God bless us all! With Tiny Tim. Tis thus we finish prayer and hymn. While cheerily from lip to lip The Christmas wishes guily trip; God bless us all, the circle round, Wherever are our dear ones found: At home, abroad, please God, we say, God bless his own on Christmas day, God bless the golden heads a-row Where ruddy hearth flames leap and

God pless the baby hands that clasp Heart fibers in their clinging grasp; God bless the youth with cager gaze God bless the sage of legthened days; At home, abroad, please God, we cry. God guard his own, 'neath any sky! God ease the weary ones who bear A cumbering weight of grief and care; Got give the wage no ill can spoil,

The honest loaf for honest toil; We sound the heartfelt prayer and hymn And breath "Amen," with Tiny Tim. As reverently, piease God, we say, God bless us all on Christmas day. -MARGARET E. SANGSTER

I discovered last week that there pistol, but equally successful, from the class of people the Mine La Motte company will bring here."—Fredericktown Democrat-News. iside, there is no rodress. As it and set the tree is no rodress. As it are up, first experience I just made horrible racket over it, and found it that people had been robbed at the period of the line, and the company will bring here, "—Fredericktown Democratives."

Its found a Care.

First minute. Its S. MERCLE.

Formington, Mo.

Its found a Care.

Its a horrible racket over it, and found out that people had been robbed for years in the same manner by the express companies. A Christ-\$7.50 with a relate of \$1.25 was relief, but I have found a cure in Her-

Christmas Greeting

THE extend to our many friends and customers our sincere wish that all will have a Merry, Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Pear.

3. AD. Karsch Shoe Co.



charging that outrageous price to had the last chance at me when they took the first. It is like the lost. I think Uncle Sam will carry of kindness. my presents hereafter. He is a

Nowadays, that the price of eggs the poor farm fund.

Miss Lulu Miller is the latest conabs in the fact that we lead in tributor to "Pass It Along." There

May 20, 1901: "I have been selling furnished by our members. Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation hat gives better antisfaction. I notice

THE MINE LA MOTTE CO.

Some of the Possibilities Set Forth by One of the Stockholders.

county do not fully recognize the magnitude of the possibilities of thing. this new Mine La Motte company The next meeting will be at Mr. or the wealth represented by the stockholders. This company prothe afternoon, Saturday, January

M. W. Huff's at two o'clock in for they live in Missouri. Dora Vrothe was naw looking back into the state and live in the city?"

This company prothe afternoon, Saturday, January

The wasn't good for much but his state and the state an sheet lend, in fact they will utilize every pound of lend right here at The city papers are full every the plant, there will be no shipping day of tales of the stand-and-de- of pig lead away from here to be manufactured into different articles liver highwayman who takes the of commerce, these articles will be contents of purses at the point of manufactured right here by the the pistol. Sometimes the robber Mine La Motte Lead and Smelting is caught and sometimes he is not, company and placed upon the but all the same there is a great market by them. We will give hue and cry from the victim. But class of skilled labor, labor that I discovered last week that there commands good wages anywhere in was another form of robbery in ex- the United States. Fredericktown istence, not at the point of the cannot help but reap great benefits

Sunshine Society.

merchant who swindles you in his very near the heart at this Carist-Sterens, the managing agent of the goods. You may pay the price mas time, and new members are company, which carried with it an in-

What a fine Sunshiner was enity, sent us \$1.50 to be used for

tion of a library for years to come. creased rise, it is worth while to four little children became a whole the gas low and went from the room, their big speeches in that way. About thirty-five people have sig- be familiar with cake recipes that family of Sunshiners by the con- down-stairs, and out into the street. father says that the winner is the man

Mrs. M. R. Smith added ten an agent will be down from St. "One egg. one half cup of sugar, handkerchiefs to the collection, Louis some time soon to make ar- three-fourth tenspoonful each of and Mrs. Will Karsch sent six, so sparkled in the sky above him. Crom- tletos."

in St. Louis.

cheese cloth, to be made into a little in the present, his heart was still in coverlet for some bedridden child, the West.

Ballards Horehoused Syrup.

Seraps of suitable goods for quilt a suggestion of colonial days—a large house with lafty columns in front of it said he "It was out in Michigan." here, if you will, and I will return the pages careleasly.

Seraps of suitable goods for quilt a suggestion of colonial days—a large house with lafty columns in front of it said he "It was out in Michigan." here, if you will, and I will return the pages careleasly. breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Drugthe pictures, cut out dolls, poems that be received when he had laid his him, and the others turned their heads utes be could hear the hum of converoperators, hundreds of miles apart, gist, Shullsburg. Wisconsin, writes, or cute little stories, that are to be hat and coat saide and met the mill in his direction.

The young ladies of the Senior ing-room. Chapter are collecting materials

nations of postage stamps, money (for transportation of our goods) Miss Fairchild, of Halifax, and Mr.

Marsh and Miss Fiorence Marsh, of with a bunch of mistiatoe in her mair, made up in mind to see her to begge the formula of the scene and ict him go; but her very Christmas. He wrote her a note, in presence somehow made him heritate or materials for anything that can MacArthur, whom he already knew as which he asked her to wear the token acto what he really wished to do. be made by these willing hands for the assistant superintendent at the for his sake." the comfort of the sick. Scrape of mills, and who had come over three Florence Marsh sighed. "Thank Michigan," she said, in a friendly the high wind blowing. The first any kind, thread, silk, mucilage, been told. Thank Michigan," she said, in a friendly you so much for the mistletoe," she way, sitting down is an arm chair opseissors, books, fancy work mate-In conversation with the Democrat-News this week one of the rials, illustrated papers, cards—all general she sat down beside him and replied, "for you have not heard the stockholders of the Mine La Motte are grist to these little millers, who told him something of the young people whole story." company said: "The people of this will turn out sunshine from every-

Carleton College PHEPARATORY.

NORMAL. COLLEGIATE. Students May Enter at Any Time.

of Her Christmas Party Jo

By Lewis E. MacBrayne.

little square envelope and re-read it: he excused himself and withdres, yet My Dran Mn. Caomwrit.—If you looking back at her-so he passed from have no other engagement for Christmas night, will you spend the evening at our house? I am inviting a few friends who cannot go house for the holidays.

After he had gone the girl from Kansas sang to them, and then they

do not wear evening dress. Very sin cerely. Margaret Stevens. sion on his face. He knew that deep and good-will that comes from trien.iin his mind he was wondering wheth hy companion-hip er he was doing a wise or a foolish, thing to accept the invitation. Two later they draw their chales about the facts had sufferenced him to the must open fireplace in the ballway, a built ter; tirst, he had been secretly dreading the approach of Christmas night gleam of the home light according to this year, and second, Miss Stevens fall upon them in the red light from the city whom he know at all well.

He tried to smooth a wrinkle from ed with contentment.

his Prince Albert coat, and found that "I have been one winter in Norfelt, with some pride, that at any rate boat?-the Fram. there had been so wrinkles in his

honor of the occasion. He decided that, on the whole, it There was a light fall of snow upon who comes in strong at the finish " the ground, and the sharpness of a of hope that it will be a love-story,

rangements for the completion of soda, sait and cream tartar, one each inmate of the poor farm will well rolled the collar of his unster part branch that hung over the manthepiece. the service. I am glad to mention fourth tablespoonful of butter, one enjoy the luxury of a nice hand-way ap around his throat, and walked Her sister raised her exchrows, and letter into the bex in front of me. I kerchief.

A nice package of things was some the city, where there is the city were tail old trees on cither side of the case of the control received from the Sunshine Society street, with fine old residences standing in the must of spacious grounds. in public. It reminded him of a certain street in The work for January is as fol- Aun Arbor, Michigan, up in the college part of the town, where the pro-

> The Junior girls are to bring The home of Margaret Stevens had relate. agent and his daughter in the draw-

to whom he had been introduced longer upon the logs. "There isn't senses were beginning to tell him that she continued to listen, and breathed Welicsley College, and are spending she did not wear it, and he, as a she still might be all that she had ever The man at the exchange in Springthe week with an invalid aunt here, gentleman, asked no questions. Only here to him. Normal School and the two men who work after that." have not yet arrived are Professor

"And who is Tommy Tucker?"

BEFORE turning down the gas tent to hold a place in the world that on his dressing table from its bad not she been spared to him. So

who cannot go horse for the horidays, and we must try to be very jolly. Please do not wear evening dress. Very sin character, rhymrs, and others sug He caught his own eye in the mirer learned them at the military posts and as he looked up from the paper in his in England. And the exceing behend, and smiled at the odd express came very merry—one of the peace

At ten o'oelock they louched, an circle of strong, keen faces, some was the only girl of his own kind in the logs. The intle professor, with his hands grossed over one knee, sigh-

t would not be effaced. More than a way," he said, "and at Christmasyear had passed since he were the ach! It was when I was just from cost, and the wrinkle was a fitting Naples, and my room at the pension, symbol of his social status. But he it was like-what you usli Nansen's

"We were in Indiannee at Christcears work. He had intended to labor mas," said the English girl. "We hard when he came East, but he had received hoxes from England, and applied himself so scalously that he shere was to have been a true for the had lived for the greater part of his children. But on Christmas morning time outside of sleeping hours in the the regiment was called out suddenly sechanical-engineering office of the to quell s mutiny, and the women corporation. The year's work had and children waited all day in the won him, too, the approval of hir. barracks for news. The tree was on the table,

once, but your further custom is enrolled every day by their deeds treduction to his only daughter. He of Miss Stevens that they told stories of have found the letter!" had taken his only social recreation is some Christmas that they had known an occasional call at the house, and -in the Scotch Highlands, in the man's shame is the most pittable sight now he was in on a Christones party, White mountains, down in Missouri, reasonable old fellow, safe and rolled when Mr. F. P. Graves, and had even taken the Prince-Albert out in Kansas, over in Italy-until Cromwell's face at that moment there who is so well known for his char- coat from the bottom of his trunk in Cromwell alone of the guest had not was anguish, humiliation, even disgust.

"You have been saving your story was wiser for him to go and make until the end," said the bansas girl to and stamped a woman's affection. the most of the eventag; so he turned him. "Our politicians out West save

New England winter's night to the said Florence March. "There should sit, while the stars glistened and be some sort of a love-story with mis-She looked at the large

mance always to be guarded against

The smallest Soubeams will work in spile of his year of hard work, with pictures on bits of Turkey red its close application and interest only that had been in his over had been mailed. With ready mind since they began to talk, our mind Margaret Stevens already had cheese cloth, to be made into a little in the present, his heart was still in that he would have aword as hour be-formulated a plan, and was weight fore sobody could have induced him to log in her own mind the chances of its

Florence Marsh changed seats with when they have gone." was genuine hospitality in greeting her sister, in order to be nearer to She went out, and for several min-

he continued, "but, unfortunately, slipped away form the others long from Troy, New York, and one to back for more. I can honestly recom- many foundlings in a City Home, cosmopolitan to-night," Miss Stevens him. The girl whom he loved was to the had come, but he divined that she, seven dollars and fifty cents. He broke and will welcome all suitable massaid to him as she lead the way across give a Christmas party, and because 100, had understood him and was sorry. In to listen, and he heard: terials for this dainty labor of love. the room, and with easy grace she in- be had first met ber on Christmas When Miss Stevens returned Cromwell The public is asked to send do- treduced him to her guests Miss night he wanted to see her at the party had regained his composure, and had Marsh and Miss Florence Marsh, of with a bunch of mistlatoe in her loair, made up his mind to ask her to forget

> said. The story is prettier that way." posite him. "Is she fair to see? And When the conversation had become I am not so sure of that," Cromwell where does she live?" "The Marsh girls," she said, "are at much more to tell, either, except that because she had not received the letter through her parted lips.

Marcheno, who teaches private classes was an apparent disappointment, street made me think of it to-night." manofony of his work. He was in in the Luguages, and Tommy Tuck- MacArthur remarked that the Edinburgh lasses were too bashful to say away?" sage on the trunk-line was finished to a comely fellow, and Tucker, "Because of the letter I accepted when a woman's voice, tenderly sweet, asked Cromwell. "His name sounds whose mind was of another texture, the opening in your father's mills." somehow as if he were only one of us said that no man ever married the first woman whom he loved. The little sent a message to her, and left the way mostleto with its berries, just as I

his club."

Crouwell reused houself to the deThe party was complete soon after tene of the story. "I was present, this when the two men arrived toand saw the letter posted," he said. her now, beyond question that he Miss Stevens closed her book when

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MacArthur hatened to the outer door, but Cromwell crossed the hallway into the library. Miss Stevens followed him closely, opening a window and letting in a cold draft of winter ale "Sit here," she sain indicating an easy-chair, "and I will call a

"Please don't," he said. "I owe you a thousand apologies. I exmot explain now. I only want to be left slope for a memorit

She led the others, who had flocked in, back into the drawing-room, and herself went to order a bot drink for she took it to the library, but on the threshold she pausal, drew back a or full of fun?" step, and then went resolutely in, not offering the cup to him, but putting it

have intruded upon your secret. You

that one is called upon to see The letter was in his hand, unopened, for to his mind it had sented his fate

"It is awful!" he said, turning his face to her. " I could have sworn until the day of judgment that the letter had been mailed. Only to-night, as I told that story, the details came to me for the first time. I had taken the fetter from this pocket to mail, and it was in my hand when the other man spoke to me. While my mind carried the impression that I had dropped the

The words were wrung from him. His wind was confused with the thoughts that he owed his hostess an And Cromwell, looking into the apology, and that the letter, which

sation and the words of good-night I waited upon the line. Ten minu

"Tell me about the girl out

"As fair as the dawn in spring-His eyes were no time," he replied, cloquently. His And whether it was right or wrong

"And for a year you have never

cannot be much further to Ann

"Was there a telephone "Yes."

She was ringing the bell already. I want the toll-line. Yes. How ong will it take to get Ann Arbor Michigan? Ann A-r-b-o-r, Michigan! "That surprised him," she said romwell. "Perhaps he thought that wanted to call a girl by that name." She turned her face again to the intrument. "It may take ten minutes?

for Mr. Cromwell, at Mr. Stevens Then she replaced the receiver and left the telephone-table. "When Central calls," said she, "there will be a through line to Ann Arbor, and you can give the number. I suppose

Very well, I will wait. The call is

that you may remember it?" "Yes, indeed," he replied, taking the seat that she had vacated. number has been hung on a little peg in my brain.

There was a moment's silence, i which he thought of the hundreds of J. P. CAYCE. miles that stretched between Massachusetts and Michigan, and wondered the call for Ann Arbor was going.

"I suppose that we still have sever al minutes to wait," she said after a him. When the servant brought it time. "And you have not told me very much about her. Is she serious, time. "And you have not told me "When first I saw her serious," he

said, in reply, "I thought that the world was smiling, and when I saw smile I faucied that the sun was shining by night "That is not so bad," she said

miling contentedly. "Only remem ber that Cyrano speaking for Christian is no worse than Cyrano speaking for bimself, but to the wrong Roxane. The telephone rang a sharp call that spartled them both, though both had been waiting it. Cromwell put

the receiver to his ear, and saswered "Ann Arbor?" be asked. "I want There was a moment of waiting,

d she walked toward the door. "Missibal Is-is-" Then she went out softly and closed the door behind her. The house seemed very still. Her father, she knew had retired long ago, confident of her ability to entertain her guests, and the servants were in the back part my pocket. I have not worn the coat of the building. She sat down at the piano in the music room, and ran her fingers over the keys very lightly, just

sounding the melody of some After a time she wondered whether and so many thoughts came to her relate.

"I know a man whose happiness others," she said. "They were mak-

**The young men of to-day are not They had accepted the exemes made had passed, and the young man in Desupposed to have much scutiment," for him, all but Florence Marsh. She troit, Michigan, who had connected that when I sell a bottle, they come for a set of clothes for one of the means the first arrival. "We are quite this man had more than was good for by. She was out again as quietly as that already the means the first arrival. "We are quite this man had more than was good for by. She was out again as quietly as Cromwell found that he was by an some of them have a great deal, and cassigh to come in and bid him good. Ann Arbor, and mentally extended

'Yes, dear, through all the long, ng year. But I forgive you."

The young women in the exchange it Troy, who had connected from Springfield, Massachusetts, and ther to Detroit, thought of the possibil words that she heard were these;

.. Your voice has grown so sweet What must your eyes be to-night it only I could look into them now!"

father is a college professor, and they been trying to forget that it was Christ-The sudden termination of the story live on Warsaw avenue. Your own mas night, became bored with the "And because of the letter you came the net of inquiring whether the message on the trunk-line was finished came over the line:

"I have placed it in my hair, the She replied lightly, as though the matter was one that did not concern her seriously, "His family is spending the winter in Egypt, and I invited him talk? Perhaps she never get the let-

Chicago last wsek," she replied; "it one who has made it so."

Then he walked down the pathway and his manly form was soon in in the shadows of the trees. closed the door and went back into the house, and as she stood before the embers of the log fire her eyes became wistful, for she was wandering what manner of Christmas it had been in Manila, and how much longer the army of occupation would be needed

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